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In the claims

1. (currently amended) A computer comprising:
at least one network component, each network component enabling the computer to communicate with one or more different networks; and
an initial boot sequence in which a network device driver for each network component is loaded and network connectivity is established only after a user has logged in, such that the user specifies a desired one of the one or more different networks during log-in,
wherein the initial boot sequence is executed at least in part by a basic input/output system (BIOS) of the computer without loading the network device driver[[s]]. and
wherein the initial boot sequence comprises at least the log-in including hardware profile selection, and hardware profile loading including the network device drivers loading after the log-in.
2. (original) The computer of claim 1, wherein the user specifies the desired one of the one or more different networks during log-in by specifying a unique user name and a unique domain.
3. (original) The computer of claim 1, wherein the user specifies the desired one of the one or more different networks during log-in by specifying a unique combination of a user name and a domain.
4. (original) The computer of claim 1, wherein the user specifies the desired one of the one or more different networks during log-in by specifying at least one or more of a unique user name, a unique network profile, and a unique hardware profile.

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5. (currently amended) The computer of claim 1, wherein the initial boot sequence further comprises at least one or more of: hardware detection, and kernel loading without the network device driver[[s]] loading.

6. (currently amended) The computer of claim 1, wherein the initial boot sequence further comprises at least a boot loader process without hardware profile selection, and kernel loading without the network device driver[[s]] loading.

7. (cancelled)

8. (original) The computer of claim 1, such that the at least one network component comprises a modem enabling the computer to communicate with at least a subset of the one or more different networks over a phone line.

9. (original) The computer of claim 1, such that the at least one network component comprises a network adapter enabling the computer to communicate with at least a subset of the one or more different networks.

10. (original) The computer of claim 1, such that the at least one network component comprises a network adapter enabling the computer to communicate with at least a subset of the one or more different networks through a broadband modem.

11. (original) The computer of claim 1, wherein the one or more different networks comprises one or more of: an Ethernet network, the Internet, an intranet, an extranet, a corporate network, a personal network, a wide-area networks (WAN), a local-area network (LAN), and a virtual private network (VPN).

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